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Board of Police Commission
Regular Meeting
Chairman Paul D. Abercrombie Police Commission
And Training Room 2nd Floor
April 22, 2014
7:30 p.m.

Chairman D'Errico called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Joseph F. D'Errico, Commissioners Lazaroff, Calafiore, and Spader, Chief Thomas McLoughlin, Deputy Chief Jon Mulhern

Absent: Commissioner David Monz

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes for the March 25, 2014 Regular Meeting and Executive Session. A motion to accept was made by Commissioner Spader, second by Commissioner Lazaroff. The motion passed unanimously.

The next order of business was for the approval of the monthly reports for March 2014. A motion was made by Commissioner Lazaroff, second by Commissioner Spader. The motion passed unanimously.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence this month.

Chairman's Report

Chairman D'Errico asked for someone to explain the meaning of PVET. Chief stated that PVET "Police Video Equipment Technology" is a JAG grant that encourages all departments to purchase necessary equipment for interrogation and interviewing. Chief said the grant has now been closed out. Chief said that the Department had their equipment installed late last year.

Chairman D'Errico, questioned the bid in the newspaper for the in car cameras. Chief stated that there have been several software conflicts recently with the current in car video system. Chief stated that there were some glitches early on, they were eventually worked out, but as time went on there were more issues. The Department has gone back and forth with the vendor. Chief stated that it is being turned over to the Town Attorney to get some type of refund, and in the meantime will pursue a new vendor and video system.

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Chairman D'Errico asked if all of the patrol cars are equipped with cameras, Chief said that all of the cruisers are equipped. Chief also stated that the earlier digital ally system is functional, but requires daily upkeep and requires pulling an officer off the road from patrol to do maintenance or taking a Sergeant off the desk to reset the camera and is time consuming. Chief said with the new system, the cameras would still be able to upload as soon as the officer pulled into the back lot.

Chairman D'Errico asked Chief what type of system they are looking for and Deputy Chief stated that he did not ask for one particular product, it was out to bid, listed with the specifications that they are looking for and if a company can provide it for the Department; they would like to do business with them.

Chairman D'Errico asked if the State Police use the same video system as North Haven. Deputy Mulhern said that the State uses more expensive units, and stated that the Department has shyed away due to the price in the past, but realized you get what you pay for. The new systems they are hoping to install are costly but reliable. In the end, this will save time and money not having to paying extra man-hours for maintenance.

Deputy Mulhern stated that the bid process opens on Thursday, April 24, 2014.

Chairman D'Errico inquired as to the status of the Howard Luppi street sign, and asked if it would be a typical blue and white street sign, or a more decorative one?

Chief said that a typical street sign would be 36 inches long and may become an issue for motorists. Chief is waiting to hear back from State Representative Yaccarino regarding what type of sign the Luppi family would like.

Chairman D'Errico stated that the new recruit is at the Academy, and as of yet, Chief has not received any reports on his status. There is one opening for an Officer and the Department is awaiting the recruit list from South Central Criminal Justice.

Chairman D'Errico asked if there was anything new, specifically new, about the St John and Broadway traffic light. Chief stated he just received information from the State today and the construction will start this summer.

Chairman D'Errico also asked about the proposed maintenance of the lights on Washington Avenue. Specifically, the crosswalk of Blakeslee and Washington Avenue. Chief said the light with LEDs would hopefully receive maintenance this summer.

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Chairman D'Errico asked if there was anything new on the shopping center traffic issue at 117 Washington Avenue. Chief said the State did agree to the Administrative decision to avoid a traffic study, however, this was contingent on the property owner to provide a property right of way for the traffic light and other equipment.

Commissioner Lazaroff told Chief he would take care of the engraving for the retiree's plaque.

Chiefs Report:

Chief McLoughlin said that budget is going well.

Chief mentioned that there is a Prescription Take Back scheduled for this upcoming Saturday, April 26 at Fire Headquarters from 10 am – 2 pm.

Chief said that this is a great opportunity and added that anyone with unneeded or old prescription medicine should take advantage of disposing their medication the proper way.

The Police motorcycle been returned to the dealer. Chief said it was better to get it out of the garage to avoid any possibility of damage being done to it.

Regarding the lobby floor, Chief said the check from the Insurance Company has been received and the tiles are on order. It would probably be two more weeks until the tile comes in.

Chief said that the lobby will be closed when it is under construction, and will re-direct visitors through the back door of the Department. The construction should only take about four hours.

Chief stated the PVET grant has been completed.

Public Relations

Recently the Departments two Canine officers along with their K-9 partners, participated in a photo shoot with the town library to promote the library's recent program called "One town, One book".

Traffic

Chief said that traffic stops are in fact way up, but told the Board to keep in mind that there are times when there will be peaks and valley's and the numbers can and will change.

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Training

The Department recently completed CPR, and AED training.

First responders recently completed use of force, and taser liability training, this will show a spike in the overtime line.

Chief said that next week all Patrolmen, Detectives and Sergeants will take part in active shooter training. This training will include re-enactments of active shooter scenarios, traffic stop scenarios, and searches.

This training is as true to real life as one can get and it is money well spent.

Chief advised the Board that the recruit list has not come in yet from South Central Criminal Justice.

There were no grievances this month.

There were no Berniere scholarship requests.

With no further discussion, Chairman D'Errico asked for the motion to adjourn, to move to executive session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Calafiore made the motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Lazaroff. All were in favor. The time was 7:50 p.m.

At 8:03 p.m., the Commission reconvened to regular session for the purpose of voting.

Commissioner Lazaroff made the motion to award Officer John Battick thirty (30) additional sick days due to his off duty injury. Commissioner Calafiore second the motion and all were in favor. The time was 8:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Larry Lazaroff, Secretary

Minutes by P. Claflin

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Executive Session
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Chairman D'Errico called the meeting to order at 7:57 p.m.

Present: Chairman Joseph F. D'Errico, Commissioners Lazaroff, Calafiore, and Spader, Chief Thomas McLoughlin, Deputy Chief Jon Mulhern

Absent: Commissioner David Monz

Personnel matters were discussed.

Commissioner Spader made the motion to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Calafiore
All were in favor. The time was 8:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Thomas McLoughlin, Chief of Police